Jesus Behold

Bubba Garner · John 19:25–27

INTRODUCTION

- Character is who you are on the inside. It's as someone has once described who you are when no one is looking.
- As used in the scriptures, the word behold means to emphasize an idea or to call attention to a detail.
- But rather, I want us to look at three times in the book of John that the word behold is said about Jesus.

1 Behold the Lamb of God: What Sin Does

John 1:29; Hebrews 10:4

- The next day he that is John the Baptist saw Jesus coming to him and said, Behold, the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.
- But to the first century mind, to the Jewish mind, a lamb would have been much more than that. The lamb was the animal of sacrifice.
- And yet Hebrews tells us it is impossible for the blood of bulls and goats to take away sins.
- You behold what sin does. And it is not a pretty picture.
- Why did he do this? Not for his own sin, but for my sin.
- Perhaps we would make better choices in our lives if we would think about what our sin has done.

2 Behold the Man: What Jesus Did for You

John 19:4–5; 2 Corinthians 5:21

- Pilate said to them, Behold the man.
- And so Jesus took the place of Barabbas. And in so doing took the place of every sinner.
- But in taking the place of this thief, Jesus makes it possible that all men could become sons of the Father.
- This is to help us make the connection of Jesus with humanity. Yes, he came as the Son of God, but he also came as the Son of Man.
- Behold what Jesus did for you. He took your place on the cross. The wages of sin is death. We all deserve to die. But our debt was paid by him who knew no sin.

3 Behold Your King: What Jesus Requires of You

John 19:13–16; Luke 1:32–33

- And he said to the Jews, Behold your king.
- But what Pilate said in ignorance, this I proclaim to you. Jesus was the king.

- He was promised to reign over the house of Jacob forever and ever in Luke chapter 1, verses 32 and 33.
- You submit to your king. You listen to him. You recognize that he has the right to tell you how to live your life.
- Behold what Jesus requires of you.
- He doesn't want to be a king. He doesn't even want to be the king. He wants to be your king. He wants you to enthrone him in your heart.

THE CHALLENGE

If you're not prepared this morning, isn't it time to behold Jesus in a way you've never done before?

MY NOTES